

REMARKS

Claims 16-26 remain in this application. Claims 16-26 have been newly presented. Claims 1-15 have been canceled without prejudice. Favorable consideration of claims 16-26 is respectfully solicited.

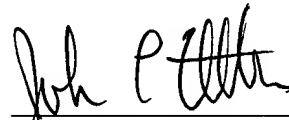
The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any information concerning this application.

Applicants respectfully request a three two Extension of Time to respond to the Final Rejection of November 6, 2003. The extended period expires April 6, 2004.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$420.00 for a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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